The AIPPI Indian Group went through the process of election of a New Executive Committee on April 6, 2019 which has led to election of a new set of faces and talents to the Executive Committee. The new lot of enthusiastic IP practitioners are determined to make the AIPPI Indian Group an extremely proactive group and propose to effectively participate in activities not only during the Congress, the questions sessions and the committee meetings but also effectively engage in policy and advocacy issues to strengthen IP protection and enforcement in India.

There was a special lecture T. N. Daruwalla Memorial lecture conducted by the AIPPI Indian Group and the Intellectual Property Law Practitioners Association on Arbitration in IPR Disputes and Solutions on the 19th of December at Royal Bombay Yacht Club, Mumbai. The lecture was given by His Lordship the Hon’ble Justice Manmohan Singh (Retd.). This lecture was very well attended. The new Executive Committee has inherited some problems pertaining to pending dues of the members for the period 2018 and 2019. The issue has arisen on account of mismatch and discrepancy between the records of outstanding membership dues maintained by AIPPI Headquarter on one hand and the records of paid membership for the years 2019 and 2019 available with the Indian Group. Several members who had paid directly to AIPPI Headquarters earlier to attend Congress, subsequently chose not to pay for membership for 2018 or 2019 but their names continued to be reflected in the Headquarter’s list of members and invoice for membership dues were raised accordingly including such members. Thus, remittance could not be made by the Indian Group on account of mismatch of paid membership dues and the invoice received from the Headquarter. The new Executive Committee has taken up the issue with the AIPPI Headquarters and is working on its resolution.

There was no intimation about the questions or the standing committees for 2019 from the earlier executive committee due to the pending elections. The new Executive
Committee, after coming into operation after April 6, 2019 has circulated the questions and the details of the standing committees with the members and has obtained the nominations in respect of the questions as well as standing committees and forwarded the same to the Headquarter.

AIPPI Indian Group proposes to organize workshop on patent reforms required in India and in particular, the opposition proceedings, and period for filing opposition amongst other topics. The Indian Group would be coordinating with the AIPPI Headquarters in organizing such workshop and would seek guidance in terms of topics of coverage and the speakers.

The Indian Group also proposes to address issues as to how to improve the efficiency of IP Offices and has already written to the Indian IP Office as well as Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) expressing its desire to engage with them and participate in deliberations and discussions held by them.